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left home at 10am for a long day on + off airplanes - Cincinnati Miami Antigua to final exhaustion flight down coast of Florida - ~~South~~ South Carolina → Kennedy → Miami Spectacular - sorry I didn't try pictures arrived at Grande Marinex in the dark and in the rain

New boat - familiar + unfamiliar

Friday Feb 11

Good Sleep in spite of hearing air conditioner all night.

Spent all morning unpacking & then walked into town to buy hootch too much lunch - nap, then walked dock to ogle the ships sat on top deck - beautiful shirley's point to have drink at sunset. old English Fort - 1700's built of British stone brought over as ballast - rum on the return trip -

Roll #1
1-7

$5 Taxi
$5 drink rum

Roll #1
8-17

ANTIGUA 1981 St. Johns
62°E 61°45'E 17°N - Falmouth Harbor
64,000 pop.
EC Dollar (Easton Caribbean) - $2.67 = US $1.00

Captain - John Hunnewell
First Mate - Mike Hulme
Second Mate - Michael Valenti
and Engineer

Saturday Feb 12

We changed beds so I could fiddle with the AC - opened window + turned AC off - got stuffy after couple of hours - Spent morning in harbor waiting for various clearances -

Birds: frigate birds not many birds
gulls pelican

the Mariner moved west from Falmouth Harbor around the first point and N to a very nice beach for a bow landing. After beach-time to swim - Down the ramp and out on the beach we go with towels hats etc etc Here comes a rain cloud - and the rain! Many, including Joe scurried back to boat - Some including me stayed in water. Wonderful wonderful blue-green swim! walked the beach afterwards the Turkey Wing beach. Found the Tiniest hermit crab - Captain's party - great food - and dinner watched "the scent of a woman" - so-so

Roll #1
18-21

Methotrex

Sunday Feb 13

Left our anchorage at Antigua about 3 am and rock & rolled all the way to Guadaloup about 7:30 and then on to Isles des Saintes about 11 am the first rough part I stayed in bed — the second after breakfast I stayed on the forward deck — and got really wet. But it was exciting! — {Roll #1 22 - end

Anchored in the harbor of Bourg des SAINTES 16°N 61°30'E beautiful harbor with village nestled amongst small steep hills. Taken into Town we walked to the right past the church and the city building. a lot of interesting details - window all open upstairs corrugated iron roofs, a certain relaxed attitudes about side walks, two-peds everywhere — we stopped at cafe Relais Marine & had {Roll #2 1 — 4
a delicious ice cream soda

Dominica Monday Feb 14

Another rock + roll morning -
5:30 - 8:30 - Stayed in bed + then went to breakfast at $9.15 ± Went on AM field trip - Rain Forest - bus about 30-45' through Town and up up + up and round + round + Fabulous - then 1½ hr walk through forest - Magnificent - Wonderful (no pictures - Too dark) the guide was excellent - native Dominica

Roll #2
5-12

We are docked at Tourist Dock in Portsmouth Dominica
15°30'N 61°30'E

Roll #2
13-28

Late lunch as we got back to ship late - Took a nap - tossed a coin between swimming + walking up to fort walked up to fort by myself loitering along the way - Nature + history! got a piece of volcano from wall - Did a little shopping at dock Joe not feeling well - Attended evening program - "Meet the crew" interesting

Doll - 9 baskets, 4 4 soap & $2 & 1

MARTINIQUE Tuesday Feb 15

Left at 2am and rocked & rolled almost all the way to ~~Fort au Prince~~ at 7:30 am

* Fort de France *

Roll #2
29-end

docked across from Fort St Louis, in front of Freyderyk Frederick Chopin (2 masts) beside dozens of Maersk containers beyond which is the Celebrity Cruise ship Galaxia — stayed on board all day except for 2 excursions on the dock. Sat on Top deck & watched shore activity rested - enjoyed day

Roll #3
1-7

the Yellow Springs Community Foundation

French –

anse – handle cove

piton – ring bolt peak of mtn.

morne – gloomy bluff

soufrière – sulphur mine

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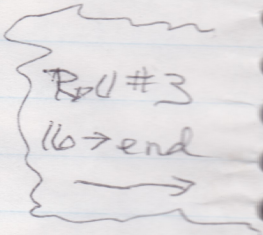
#3

→ end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16 → end

ST LUCIA Wednesday Feb 16

Left mooring at 2am + bounced along until nearly 8. It POURED during the night and of course my window was open — this island looks like 100 volcanoes all fused together

Roll #3
8-15

skiffed to shore in the am near Pigeon Island Park. walked over to North (Atlantic?) shore - much surf - walked back on Carib shore lots of coral, shells + pieces of trap rock moved ship to Soufries during lunch Got a nap after lunch and then went off in 2 Toyota cabs to the Botanical Garden - privately owned estate planted, cared for in memory of parents by a daughter - beautiful with many familiar plants. thence to the volcano - WOW! sulphureous gases rising from the floor - fascinating sight 3rd stop - another waterfall + smaller garden Best day so far - on the beach a fisherman was cutting up a TUNA for our cook watched "you have Mail" in pm - funny

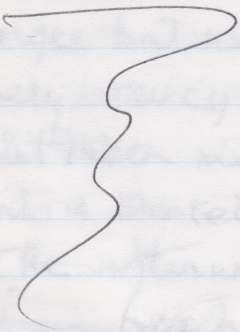
Bequia Thursday Feb 17

Arrived Bequia at breakfast time after a not too bad night (left soufries at 2:30 am) Big harbor full of yachts - all kinds, all countries - went into town - 2 big almond trees at the dock - walked down to book store - saw some interesting books, maps, etc but didn't buy anything - walked the other way to the end of the ~~the~~ street to see model ships - hand-made, beautiful, large so detailed and expensive. Outside bow ramp on the sand a man was cutting up a large Tuna - turns out our chef had bought it - After lunch and a little nap I went to the beach for a swim - Joe did not he is still a little squeamish - Enjoyed swimming and then Georgiana and I did some snorkelling - saw a few fish but mostly was glad to practice with mask After dinner watched "Sense & Sensibility"

Roll #4
1-10

Tobago Keys Friday Feb 18

Slept very well until 7 am when the boat started - and I rushed to the head to throw up RATS - a little later the diarrhea started double RATS #1 faded away about 11 + the rest faded away mid afternoon. Slept most of the day, Joe brought me ginger ale - and about four I washed + dressed -



Tobago Keys Saturday Feb 19

somewhere between Bequia & Union

As we are still anchored in the same place as yesterday it was a peaceful night surrounded by many little curiously shaped islands and endless vistas of blue green aqua water I tried a little painting. Joe both went on the glass bottom boat - many corals & sponges but not many fish. The water is very bouncy here. I was sorry I hadn't taken my camera - many interesting boats & shorelines.

Roll 4
11 - 27

In the afternoon I went to the swimming beach - with camera. Walked across the island looking at the plant and taking pictures. Collected 2 pieces of rock (is?) Had a nice swim

Methotrex

UNION Sunday Feb 2[illegible]

Roll 4
28 - end

Union Island - one side in the morning and the other side in the pm (Clifton)
Didn't feel like swimming but I went over to the beach to prowl around and take pictures. Took last boat back for lunch Hamburgers + hot dogs for lunch - and an entire grilled ~~[illegible]~~ pig laid out in all it's glory - ugh -
went into the town of Clifton mid afternoon. Funny little unspoiled town - friendly people providing food, services, etc with interesting home made signs -
Today being Sunday not much going on but we did have a beer at a local place

2 T. shirts
1 wrap
$37 -

Roll #5
1 - 13

Engine room Tour - 2 engines
3 gen. 8 hrs on water purifyer

Grenada Monday Feb 21

Arrived about 7am after a comfortably rolly trip from Union Is. We have to clear immigration here as this is a separate country - St George's, capital 12°N 62°W

we walked into town about 10:30 -

Hard walking - cars etc - Then rain

Stopped for a drink - left Joe & went

2 gift shop 2 doors away - nice

stuff - good shop only bought pictures

Bought spices from street vendors - stopped at post office -

Quite a deal - big - many philatelic

specials -

After lunch we went on island

tour - 3 hours over hilly tour -

rain with driver I could neither

hear nor understand. Dense

el. 1910 ft vegetation - includ

cacao, Nutmeg

Roll #5
14 - end

2 pictures
$36 -

baskets
#10
beads $1

Stamps
$18

Roll 6
1 - 9

Tuesday Feb 22

Left 9am American Airlines after being up since 5:30. Not too bad getting through airport. 31,000 ft

Roll 6
10-13

Dominican Republic - 3 pix
Turks & Caicos 3 pix
?? 2
1

If you see an albatross or a frigate bird flying between the sea + the sky, you would think the world was basically shades of BLUE

Looking out an airplane window over the Caribbean Sea I can see nothing but BLUE

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